

HOUSE RESOLUTION 8
By Huskey

A RESOLUTION to celebrate the one-hundredth birthday of
Charlie Columbus Clabo, former Mayor of
Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should
recognize citizens who are celebrating milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Columbus Clabo, the former mayor of Gatlinburg, will celebrate his
one-hundredth birthday on March 4, 1997, a golden occasion which will be commemorated with
great joy in remembering the past, giving thanks for the present and eagerly anticipating the
future; and

WHEREAS, the son of William Sherman and Beda Alice Ogle Clabo, Mr. Clabo was
born March 4, 1897, in a log cabin, and raised along Roaring Fork Creek, with his brothers
Newt, Lewis, Richard, Horace, and Herbert, and sisters Alice, Bertha and Jetta; and

WHEREAS, he moved with his family into a white clapboard house located on a small
farm close to the uppermost part of Roaring Fork Creek; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clabo attended school at the Smoky Mountain Academy and although
receiving an eighth grade education he later earned his teaching certificate; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clabo began his distinguished teaching career at the Baskins Creek
School, however, his teaching career was put on hold when Mr. Clabo enlisted in the Army and
served bravely in France during World War I, becoming a corporal; and

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WHEREAS, after the war, he returned to Sevier County and taught at schools in Roaring Fork, Shady Grove, Big Ridge and Baskins Creek. Mr. Clabo was a very popular and highly regarded teacher until he left the teaching profession to become a United States Mail Carrier in 1927; and

WHEREAS, for more than twenty years, Mr. Clabo delivered the mail first by horseback and eventually by car; and

WHEREAS, his route included Baskins Creek, Roaring Fork, the Glades, Johns Branch, Emerts Cove, Red Top, Cartertown, Greenbrier, and Dudley Creek; and

WHEREAS, in addition to working as a mail carrier, Mr. Clabo served admirably as a Gatlinburg City Commissioner, Mayor, City Recorder, and Justice of the Peace. He also prepared warranty deeds and filled out income tax papers for Gatlinburg citizens; and

WHEREAS, in 1944, R. E. Creswell and H. D. Ballard encouraged Mr. Clabo to meet with some other veterans to form an American Legion Post in Gatlinburg. Under the exemplary leadership of Mr. Clabo, American Legion Post 202 was formed, with twenty-nine veterans; and

WHEREAS, he was married to the former Bertha Ogle and this couple's happy union produced two successful children, Hugh and Delle, both of whom still live in the Gatlinburg area. After Bertha's death, in 1954, he married Grace Martin Smelcer and moved to Pigeon Forge; and

WHEREAS, the members of this body find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to specially recognize one of Tennessee's finest citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and congratulate Charlie Columbus Clabo on the celebration on his one-hundredth birthday and extend to him our best wishes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

